

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 18 and ending page 10, line 4, with the following:

Accordingly, the present invention comprises a thermal desorption tube. One embodiment of a thermal desorption tube in accord with the present invention may comprise one or more elements such as, for example, an outer barrel and one or more inner spacers insertably positioned within the outer barrel. At least prior to an insertion of an inner spacer into the outer barrel, either the inner spacer or the outer barrel may comprise a bend or at least one bent portion. After insertion, friction is produced between the inner spacer and the outer barrel to secure the inner spacer with respect to the outer barrel. A sorbent material is positioned within the outer barrel. In one preferred embodiment, either or both of the outer barrel or the inner spacer(s) comprise a ~~fluoropolymer~~ fluoropolymer material, a non-limiting example being PTFE.